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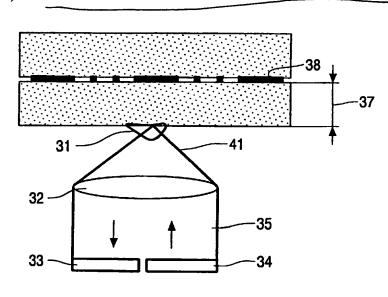
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(57) Abstract: A device for reading/writing an information carrier is described. The device has a radiation source (34), e.g. a laser, and optical elements (32) for generating a spot by focusing the beam. The spot is focused on the surface of the information carrier, and the power of the laser is applied in high energy pulses for cleaning a surface of the information carrier.

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